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1. The USSR possesses at least 70 midget submarines, of which it is believed a large part are operative. Nothing is known regarding specific bases for these submarines, but a midget submarine can operate from any existing base or from a support ship equipped for this purpose. The Soviets should have about 20 of the ex-German SEEHUND type and about 50 of the Soviet type. The Soviet midget submarines constructed after 1947 were an improvement on the previous type and made use of German SEEHUND plans.
2. The characteristics of the Ex-German SEEHUND type of midget submarine are as follows:
 - a. Size: 12.20 x 1.90 x 1.80 meters - 15.2 to 16.5 tons.
 - b. Type of propulsion: one 60 hp diesel motor, and one electric motor; one propeller.
 - c. Speed: five knots surfaced; four submerged.
 - d. Endurance: 500 miles at five knots surfaced; 60 miles at three knots submerged.
 - e. Size and kind of explosive charge: two torpedoes of 533 (sic), attached outside the hull and lined up fore and aft.
 - f. Complement: three men.
 - g. Constructed of magnetic or non-magnetic materials: not known.
 - h. Fitted with degaussing equipment: not known.
 - i. Fitted for towing: believed to be.

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